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**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
September 9, 2008 Draft Minutes
(To be approved September 23, 2008)**

1. **Call to Order** Dan Neirinckx, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Dan Neirinckx, Dan Kjonsgaard, Linda Ivy, Janet Mulder, Richard Wright, James Talbot, Earl Katzer, Krishna Toolsie, Steve Wragg, Randy White and Wythe Davis.

Excused: Frank Hewitt, Judy Bohlen, and Janice Grace.

Absent: Martin Muschinske
3. **Motion to approve the Minutes for August 26 and Agenda for September 9, 2008 as posted adding item number 8 – County Farming Program. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM - Opportunity for public to speak - limit 3 minutes**
 - a. **Krishna Toolsie** recognized **Jim Talbot** for his work at the Kiwanis Picnic held last month at Indian Hills Camp. He was inadvertently left off of the list next meeting.
 - b. **Wythe Davis and Richard Wright will be absent for the next meeting.**
5. **PLDO Priority List – Dan Neirinckx moved that the priority list be amended to place the fields at Jamul Dulzura Union School District as number one with the community center as number two priority. Motion carried 10, Yes; 0, No 1 Abstention (Mulder- President of School Board)**

Janet Mulder recused herself from the next item on the agenda as she is JDUSD School Board President and this item could directly benefit the JDUSD.
6. **Oak Grove Middle School Field Rejuvenation Project – JDUSD Supt. Nadine Bennett and School Board Member Marcia Spurgeon** gave packets to the members who were not present at the last meeting. **Nadine Bennett** explained that the fields were in constant use and JDUSD is requesting the money from the PLDO funds through the Planning Group. They are looking at a match from Dianne Jacob's office, additional funds from the Friends of Jamul Schools, and AYSO and Softball. They are also investigating grants from water companies, and would like to be able to fund an artificial turf field. They plan to have a full size soccer field, softball and a track for the community to use as well. They have received initial bids on both sod and artificial turf fields. They estimated \$600,000 for sod fields and over \$1 million for the artificial turf fields. **Marcia Spurgeon** thanked the JDCPG for their ideas at the last meeting and stated that they would like to go for the artificial turf field. **Dan Neirinckx** read the motion from the last meeting which stated **"Dan moved that we recommend that PLDO funds of \$350,000 for a grass field or \$450,000 for the synthetic field, hoping that JDUSD could get matching funds to do the synthetic field; both of which would be contingent upon getting all of the funds to**

complete the project.” Richard Wright said that the difference between the two choices is not large, but he would like to see us approve this motion and continue to make efforts towards water conservation, realizing that we live in a desert area. **Dan Kjonegaard** suggested that the school district contact **Mark Robak, Director of Otay Water**, and **William Granger, Conservation Manager** of Otay Water District, and go to the next Otay Water District Board meeting and make an appeal for funds and ask for additional ideas for funding. **Steve Wragg** asked where they got the bid and pointed out that Grossmont Union High School District made Steele Canyon go with the higher bid. He pointed out that he worked on the Steele Canyon High School and questioned whether the bids received include the track. The Friends of Jamul will be doing the track separately and it is not included in these bids. **Earl Katzer** stated that he needs to see the bids for the field and where the other money is coming from before he could vote in favor of this motion. **Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend that PLDO funds of \$350,000 for a grass field or \$450,000 for the synthetic field, hoping that JDUSD could get matching funds to do the synthetic field; both of which would be contingent upon getting all of the funds to complete the project. Motion carried 9, Yes; 1, No (Katzer need more information); 1 Abstained (Mulder – President of School Board)**

Janet rejoined the meeting at this point.

7. **San Diego Gas and Electric Subcommittee Update – Linda Ivy – Dan Neirinckx wrote a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission for the group to make comments and additions. Linda Ivy** suggested that this would be a good letter to start with and asked for community input. **Ray Deitchman, community resident**, suggested that the community needs to get involved letting the CPUC know the problems with this location. **Randy White** stated that he felt we needed to address possible alternative locations. **Richard Wright** pointed out that we do not have the tools or technology for doing site analysis which if we had the expertise, it would make our position stronger. **Randy White** felt that SDG&E did not look at enough alternatives and that we would recommend they look at other sites. **Linda Ivy** stated that when SDG&E chose this site they did not have public input and go from there. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that the map that was shown by SDG&E at the Subcommittee meeting had a circle showing the load center, and it looked as though any place in that circle could be as effective as another. **Richard Wright** said that he is concerned that SDG&E is not willing to participate in a collaborative process in the choosing of the location. **James Talbot** stated that he was impressed with SDG&E tonight and that tonight, we questioned the need, next meeting they will come back with their reasons for justifying it. Then we will talk about location and why this one was chosen.

Linda Ivy stated that at the sub-committee meeting it was pointed out that here is documentation referencing the driving force behind this new proposed substation as the casino even though we were clearly told by SDG&E that the casino had not entered into their calculations at all. **Richard Wright stated that the process of determining the need, location and community impact of this proposed SDG&E substation is fatally flawed, as it does not involve all of the stakeholders in a meaningful way. Wythe Davis** pointed out that community character is not taken into consideration at all by SDG&E in their planning. **Michael Casinelli** asked what exactly is the JDCPG asking the CPUC to do? **Janet Mulder** recommended that we

ask the CPUC to demand that the SDG&E follow their own proposal's verbiage and get public input as to the most suitable location for the substation. **Dan Neirinckx moved we authorize him to send the letter as presented with additions suggested at this meeting including the fact that the process of determining the need, location and community impacts of the proposed SDG&E substation is fatally flawed, as it does not adequately involve all of the stakeholders in a meaningful way. In addition the letter will include our questions as to the need for such a facility, their lack of public input into the process of purchasing the property, and a timeline of SDG&E meetings with us, as well as the incorrect information given to the JDCPG or lack of response to specific questions. Motion carried unanimously. The letter is attached to these minutes.**

8. **County Farming Program -Barbara Lind, community resident, presented the comments that she sent to the DPLU. She is concerned because this seems to be aimed at North County large farms and is missing input and accommodations for the general public, which would give us local food crops to feed our own populace. Today's food supply is primarily imported from Los Angeles and we need to have locally grown food available. This is not covered in this plan. 69% of our agriculture in San Diego County is horticulture and the plan addresses this area, but not the food availability issue. It also does not include the incidental farming in our community. She is not sure that it will be open to the community for public input. Dan Neirinckx suggested that Barbara contact Dianne Jacob's office and discuss the problems she is having with getting information from the County. Dan Kjonogaard commented about the trees up in Northern San Diego County and the lack of water. Richard Wright said that he felt local food production adds to the quality of life. Brad Lind, resident, suggested we tell the County to get more public input in this process. Ear Katzer pointed out that food production was the backbone of our economy. Dan Neirinckx moved the JDCPG authorize him to write a letter encouraging additional public input into the San Diego County Farming Program Plan with more emphasis on smaller local food production units in our communities. Motion carried unanimously.**
9. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Status Report and Recommendations – no comments**
10. **JDCPG Officer's Announcements and Reports**
 - a. **Registrar of Voters – announced that all members of the odd seats would be reappointed as there insufficient number to require an election.**
 - b. **Historic Site Board – September 15 – nothing in our Planning Area**
 - c. **SD County Schedule of Meetings for Block Grant – nothing in our Planning area**
 - d. **Janet Mulder announced that the Kay Findlater's 3rd grade class, kindergarten and 1st grade classes will hold a Freedom Walk on Thursday, Sept. 11. The program will start with an Assembly in the Jamul Primary School at 12:15 and the walk will go from JPS to JIS ending at 1:15. The public is invited to attend. It is sponsored by the America Supports You and will feature service people including armed forces, policemen and firemen.**
 - e. **Richard Wright announced that Friday at Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden is having a dedication of the Dorcas Utter section**

that is a sensory garden aimed at helping the blind to "see" the garden in her honor. It will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. reminding us that the next regular meeting is **Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:30 pm at Oak Grove Middle School Library.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mulder, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: SDG&E Substation Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 before regular meeting.- Oak Grove Middle School

Letter sent from JDCPG to CPUC - see Agenda item 7

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September 11, 2008

California Public Utilities Commission
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Ref: SDG&E Document #194152 of December 2006

Dear Commissioners,

The Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDCPG) is a publicly elected board charged with providing community recommendations to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on land use related developments. This letter is to address very serious concerns of the JDCPG and our community as it relates to San Diego Gas and Electric's (SDG&E) proposed new sub-station in our community. SDG&E submitted their document # 194152 to the CPUC in December 2006 and this letter addresses some outstanding issues/concerns which require comment.

1. Line 25 of the reference document states "Working closely with Cities and Communities to secure mutually agreeable sites prior to development is another key aspect of Area Studies and advance planning". While the initial phase of choosing an appropriate site for the proposed substation was good, the final site selection was without community involvement and borderline secretive. The present "purchased" site is not acceptable to this community..
2. At the September 9, 2008 meeting of the JDCPG the following additional comments were expressed:

- a. The process to date for determining the need, location and community impact of this proposed substation is fatally flawed, as it has not involved all of the stakeholders in a meaningful way.
- b. There has been a dramatic lack of public input in the process of determining the suitability of the site purchased by SDG&E.
- c. There has been inaccurate or no response to specific questions asked by the JDCPG and/or the public.

The initial SDG&E briefing to the JDCPG was scheduled for March 14, 2006 meeting. At the September 12, 2006 JDCPG meeting SDG&E presented the sites under consideration and identified the site with the highest rating, which was later purchased without specific comments and/or concerns of the community.

The recent and renewed dialogue between the JDCPG and SDG&E has occurred only after this group and our District 2 County Board of Supervisor, Dianne Jacob, adamantly requested additional dialogue.

The County of San Diego is in the process of a major General Plan Update process and the forecast results and movement is towards a major down zone of lands throughout the county's unincorporated areas, and Jamul Dulzura area is seriously affected by this down zone trend/movement. It is most strongly believed by the JDCPG that the data used to design and justify this project is highly flawed and does not support the project as proposed. The JDCPG respectfully requests that SDG&E be directed to stand by their statement as quoted above and work with the local community to "secure mutually agreeable sites".

This letter was authorized at the September 9, 2008 meeting of the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group. The minutes reflect the following motion:

"Dan Neirinckx moved we authorize him to send the letter as presented with additions suggested at this meeting including the fact that the process of determining the need, location and community impacts of the proposed SDG&E substation is fatally flawed, as it does not adequately involve all of the stakeholders in a meaningful way. In addition the letter will include our questions as to the need for such a facility, their lack of public input into the process of purchasing the property, and a timeline of SDG&E meetings with us, as well as the incorrect information given to the JDCPG or lack of response to specific questions. Motion carried unanimously. The letter is attached to these minutes."

Sincerely,

Dan Neirinckx
Chair, JDCPG

Cc: Dianne Jacob, District 2
San Diego County Board of Supervisors